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News Release

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City of Durham Contains Sewer Spill on Burton Road and Densmore Lane

DURHAM, N.C. — The City of Durham Department of Water Management reports that approximately 14,400 gallons of untreated wastewater were discharged into an unnamed tributary to Panther Creek on March 14, 2016 on a Sewer Main at the Intersection of Burton Road. and Densmore Lane.

The sewer was found overflowing at approximately 9:59 a.m. The overflow was caused by rags blocking the sewer main. The sewer main was cleaned to remove the blockage and the overflow ended at noon. The surrounding area has been remediated and there are no immediately visible adverse environmental impacts or hazards to persons or property.

The City of Durham's Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) outreach program provides education on the proper disposal of grease and other materials. Only water, human waste and toilet paper are permitted to be discharged into the sewer system. The FOG Program staff will take appropriate enforcement action when necessary. Additionally, Water and Sewer Maintenance crews proactively inspect and clean sewer lines throughout the collection system to help prevent blockages.

The N.C. Department of Environmental Quality - Division of Water Resources was notified of the event on March 14, 2016 as required by state regulations. For information, contact Tim Segard, assistant superintendent, Water and Sewer Maintenance Division.